I were ordered to help support the Twenty Sixth New york Battery we had bin their but a few minits when a shell Bursted and blew both legs off from one of the Battery man and a solid shot struck a pine tree and cut it in two Owens turned to me and said Dutty we are goin to hell this time shure I will now tell you about the march we left Brazos the 14th of [illegible] arrived at Clarkville at night a distance of ten miles we remained their untill the 2d of Apprl and then took our march and arrived here the fourth we are incamped here on the

Banks of the Rio Grande
opisite Matamoros and
are doing nothing but
eating stinking meat Bugey
hard tack Frank Finney
was in New Orleans at the
enrolment Office while
the Fighting was going on
after Mobile was taken
he came back and was
promoted Captain Ed Hen
dry is promoted to first
Leiutenant he swells out
like a toad full of wind
the Officers are leaving
for home as fast as they
can I think I will close
for this time write me
all the news P.S I can get
you a Parrot for 25 dollars
you will curs the day you
got him he will shit all
over every thing Luke